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Subject: Westover and Gradel Landfills

Dear Ryan, Joe and John:

I was glad to meet you all during the USEPA field investigation of the Westover Landfill and Oregon appreciates your efforts to end the leachate from this site that pollutes Otter Creek. You requested any records Oregon might have regarding the ownership or PRP's at the Westover site. Pursuant to your request, I have sent a copy of these to Ms. Alex Clark at Weston's Detroit office as Ryan requested..

As you will recall, there were two landfills owned and operated by Westover Corporation that was primarily owned by the Gradel family. These are commonly referred to in Oregon as:

- The "Gradel Landfill" located just north of the Envirosafe along Otter Creek Road. This is the site we briefly walked over to. It operated from about 1969 to 1974 and OEPA documents that it too discharges leachate to Otter Creek. You

indicated that USEPA may be willing to do a similar investigation if the City writes to USEPA and requests this.

- The "Westover Landfill" along York Street between Otter Creek Road and Otter Creek itself. This is the site you were investigation and operated from about 1972 to 1987.

As I indicated to you, Ohio EPA documents can be a little confusing because they sometimes refer to each site as the "Gradel Landfill."


This confusion, it appears, is because there was common ownership. The "Gradel Landfill" was operated first and as it filled then the "Westover Landfill" opened. It is likely that some clients used both sites. As you asked, I sent along our documents on both sites.

You also asked if we had any records for the environmental consulting company also owed by Gradel. We do not. You would probably have your best results in determining where that company sent wastes from its clean-up projects by directly contacting them.

Again, Oregon wants to thank you for you important efforts to end these long standing and harmful discharges Otter Creek. We also request a copy of your report when it is finished.

Please, call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: M. Brown, Mayor
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